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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PANEL MEETING

REF: TOKYO 13203

1. SUMIO SHIODA, SENIOR POLICY PLANNING OFFICER, TORU NAKAMURA, DIRECTOR, REGIONAL PLANNING DIVISION, AND TETSURO YAMASHITA, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OFFICE OF MOT, CALLED ON SCICOUNS SEPT 10 AND PROVIDED MOT'S POSITION PAPER ON SUBJ MEETING.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PAPER. QTE: MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT PREPARED TO ACCEPT SUGGESTED ITEMS INCLUDING DEEPWATER PORTS, CONVENTIONAL RAILROAD TECHNOLOGY AND HIGHWAY SYSTEMS. HOWEVER, REGARDING DETAILED POINTS FOR DISCUSSION, MOT WISHES TO SUGGEST REARRANGEMENT. SUGGESTION IS ATTACHED AS ANNEX, ACCORDING TO WHICH JAPANESE TEAM IS PREPARING FOR PANEL MEETING. REGARDING NUMBER OF PARALLEL SESSIONS, JAPANESE TEAM WISHES TO PROPOSE FIVE SESSIONS: (1) URBAN TRANSPORTATION, (2) PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION, (3) ENERGY CONSERVATION AND OTHER MATTERS, (4) DEEPWATER PORTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, AND (5) MAGNETIC LEVITATION AND RAILROAD TECHNOLOGY. END QUOTE.

3. COPY OF POSITION PAPER AND ANNEX (PROPOSED TOPICS FOR DETAILED DISCUSSION) WITH EMBASSY COMMENTS WILL BE AIR-POUCHED.

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4. DISCUSSION LEADERS FOR FIVE PARALLEL SESSIONS ARE:
TORU NAKAMURA, FOR URBAN TRANSPORTATION; MASASHI HASHIMOTO,
FOR PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION; TAKEO UEMURA FOR ENERGY
CONSERVATION AND OTHER MATTERS; OSAMU HARADA (DIRECTOR,
FIRST PORT AND HARBOR CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, MOT), FOR DEEP-
WATER PORTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT; AND A JAPAN
NATIONAL RAILWAY REPRESENTATIVE FOR MAGNETIC LEVITATION
AND RAILROAD TECHNOLOGY. (NOTE: HARADA HAS BEEN NEWLY
ADDED TO JAPANESE DELEGATION).

5. JAPANESE TEAM REQUESTS USG PROVIDE INTERPRETERS
FOR PARALLEL DISCUSSIONS ON THREE SUBJECTS: PHYSICAL
DISTRIBUTION, ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEEPWATER PORTS.
OTHER TWO SESSIONS CAN BE HANDLED IN ENGLISH.

6. JAPANESE TEAM ALSO WISHES DOT TO CONFIRM PROPOSED DATES
FOR PANEL MEETING, OCTOBER 27-29, 1976.

7. REPLY CABLE RE PARA 5 AND 6 WILL BE APPRECIATED.
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